

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as amended and in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested. Claims 10-12 and 14-18 are currently active in this case.

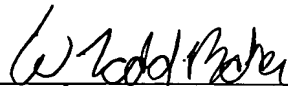
Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of an interview granted to applicants' representative on November 13, 2006 at which time the outstanding rejections were discussed. As reflected in the interview summary, the Examiner expressed during the interview that an amendment to claim 10 clarifying that the processing of the sales data is unrelated to the ticket printing would overcome the applied art. Consequently, Applicants have amended claim 10 to make that clarification.

Further, in order to avoid an interpretation of the claim 10 "objective execution means" feature which encompasses a human user of the claimed data processing apparatus, Applicants hereby expressly invoke 35 USC 112, sixth paragraph, re the "objective execution means."

Consequently, no further issues are believed to be outstanding and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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